

### REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 5, 7, 12, 18, 20, 21, 22, and 27 are pending in the application. By this paper Claims 1, 6, 8-11, 13-17, 19, 23-26, and 28-29 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 1. Claim 21 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 17 (now canceled) and previously intervening claim 19 (now canceled). Claim 27 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 25. Therefore, it is believed that Claims 5, 12, 21, and 27 are now in a condition for allowance.

### *Claim Objection*

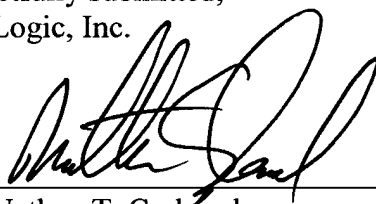
Claims 2-4 and 7 have been amended to depend from allowed Claims 5. Claims 18, 20 and 22 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 21. In light of the fact that Claims 2-4, 7, 18, 20 and 22 now include the (respective) limitations of the now allowable base claims it believed that the application is in a condition for allowance and no further search would be required. It is believed that Claims 2-4, 7, 18, 20-22, and 27 are now in a condition for allowance which is earnestly solicited.

### CONCLUSIONS

In light of the forgoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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